Adult Respiratory Emergencies: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Patient Care Algorhythm

Suspected SARS Patient

Stable

- Place surgical mask on patient
- Assess patient for the following
 - Temperature
 - Upper Respiratory Infection Symptoms
 - Malaise
 - Myalgia (muscular pain)
 - · Severe Headache
 - · Absence of a rash
 - Absence of GI symptoms
 - Absence of neuro deficit
- Patient has had contact with an individual infected with SARS
- Recent travel to an area of a known SARS outbreak

Unstable

- Stabilize patient based on appropriate protocol
- Notify receiving facility

Does Not Meet SARS Criteria

 Transport to the closest, appropriate open medical facility

Meets SARS Criteria

- Contact Medical Control
- Transport via SARS
 Transport Unit (if available) to a designated SARS
 Assessment Center (if available)

Patient Improves

 Transport to a designated SARS Assessment Center (if available)

Patient Remains Unstable

- Contact Medical Control
- Trans port to the closest appropriate open medical facility

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